

## HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Some Soldiers and Sailors Who Made Wauseon Homes Happy Christmas Day by Their Presence Or by Messages.

Among the causes for a "Merry Christmas" in the homes of Fulton county this year, there is none greater than the home coming of the boys who have been in "The Service" whether overseas or in the Camps and Cantonnments in the States. They are coming back to their homes and dear ones; they are coming back to us all for they belong to us all and just as we Americans have been proud of our soldiers and with the best of reason, a ways.

These "Boys," our boys have demonstrated that they are the same mettle as the American soldiers that have preceded them and they have added to the glory of the Stars and Stripes passed on to them by those who have borne it and defended it and given it prestige and glory before them.

We wish that we could chronicle the names of every one that returned but they slip in quietly and its only occasionally that we find them out. Here are a few recent ones who have been absent: Abijah Brewer and Cecil Griffin of the Air Service arrived in Wauseon last Saturday afternoon from Camp Sherman. Here they have been mobilized for discharge; both have been in service in aerodromes in England. Donald Dudley and Jay Collins, two other Air Service men who have been for a long time in the service in England and were still at Camp Sherman when the above named boys left, expecting and hoping for their discharge to be issued in time for them to get home for Christmas.

Kenneth Miller, C. P. O. U. S. Navy dropped in on his wife Sunday evening. Harry Weber from Camp Jackson, South Carolina arrived with his honorable discharge and wearing a corporals chevrons on Sunday afternoon.

Letters were received from many of the boys who are still overseas. Monday of this week, among them a letter from Dr. R. O. Buck, writing from a rest camp at Cherbourg, France. Dr. Buck tells of long marches and heavy work and expresses the hope that he may get home within two or three months.

A card from Robert J. Bissonecette written from Luxembourg brings the news that he is well and within a few miles of German territory. "Bob" has climbed from the rank of private to that of 1st class Sergeant, since he has been in service, which means that he has earned his chevrons by hard service.

The Editor and his wife were made happy Monday morning by the receipt of a cablegram from J. Dady Kenney dated London, December 22nd, which bore the words, "Home soon, well."

Carl Glingrich, 1st Class P. O. and instructor in gunnery at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, is home on furlough for over Christmas.

Lieutenant Harry Sweeney has been relieved from duty as commandant of the S. A. T. C. at the Tri State College at Angola, Ind., and is home until after the holidays at any rate.

Tuesday, Serg't Jay Collins, another Air Service man who has been in duty in England, arrived with his discharge and in time to spend Christmas at home.

A. E. BATDORF, DEAD  
After an illness extending over a period of only a few days A. E. Batdorf, an old and well known resident passed away Saturday, December 21st from his home on East Leggett street, a victim of pneumonia.

Mr. Batdorf was taken down on Tuesday of last week and the spark of mortal life went out on Saturday afternoon. Funeral services were held Tuesday of this week at Zion U. B. church and interment made in Zion cemetery. He had attained the age of sixty years. The Tribune will publish the full obituary next week.

A good clean place to eat.  
32-14-c WILLIAM'S CAFETERIA

## LET'S FINISH RIGHT

This is no time for Americans to slow up in their loyalty.

From the declaration of the war to the collapse of the German army there was not a minute that the American public was not on its toes, patriotic in spirit. Not a time when it lost step.

All along the line the Americans went the route like seasoned campaigners.

Our soldiers took to the game like ducks to water. Kaiser Bill scoffingly termed them the lightning trained forces. But that's exactly the way they struck the Huns. And the Huns never stopped reeling backward.

On the high seas our naval forces were responsible to no small degree for the curbing of the U-boat peril. Our war ships did their full part in keeping the German fleet bottled up in the Kell canal.

In the air our birdmen became aces and terrors to the Fokker flying hospital bombers. Altogether they accounted for several hundred enemy planes. And scores of them gave up their lives in aerial combat.

And in the raising of funds we set a record that the old world will be many decades in equaling. Billions were poured into the lap of Mars. No other nation ever approached the performance. Few ever will.

And Europe today frankly admits that but for the American support a far different story might have been told. For Germany was winning until the Yanks came.

Now that it is all over, that the Huns have tossed aside their guns and put up their bloody hands in surrender, have slunk back to their lairs and handed over the bulk of their warships and murderous under-sea boats, pleading for mercy and for bread, let's see the thing through right.

Our boys must remain on guard until peace is restored, until the government is re-organized, until sanity returns. Until Europe once more is normal.

And with our record to date we cannot afford to fall down now. We must get ready to support the Fifth Liberty Loan.

We must finish right.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM OVERSEAS

Somewhere on Nov. 24th, 1918 My Dear Mother and Father:

It has been a long time since you heard from me, so much has taken place that time and so many changes, that I am well and in very good condition; have not had the opportunity to write before or I would have done so.

I expect you have wondered where I could be; have wondered with the company across France and now we are in the neutral state of Luxembourg.

I am sitting in a small cafe where I can soak up a little heat. I am nearly out of paper so I can't write very much.

The people here are all very glad to see the boys enter the towns vacated by the Germans. It won't be very long before we start home. May it be soon.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Your son, Frank Huber  
Co. C. 121, M. G. Bn.  
32nd Division, A. E. F.

## HOW ONE HONOR MEDAL WAS WON

Ethel Lynberg, 15, who lives in Salt Lake County, Utah, will have pinned on her a four-leaf clover medal which is awarded members of boys' and girls' clubs who for four consecutive years have done successful work in their clubs. In the past season, besides attending high school Ethel plowed 60 acres and hauled and leveled it for wheat, alfalfa and beets and in season helped her father cut hay. She also assisted with irrigation in her father's absence, turning the water on and off alone. She canned 600 quarts of fruit and vegetables and dried many pounds. Monthly she was baking the bread for the family. One hundred chickens grew to maturity during the summer under her care. In her spare moments, she has knitted socks for soldiers. When she finishes high school, Ethel plans to attend a college where she may study agriculture and home economics.

## NOTICE

The parties who took the automobile tire from in front of C. H. Huffman's harness shop had better return same and save exposure and expense.

## BACKING UP ARGONNE FIGHTERS

Donald Porter Writes of Trip Across —Work Backing up American Divisions in The Argonne Fight— Visit To a City of Dugouts—German Camps DeLuxe.

Dear Dad,

Varennes was quite a large town, a comparative short distance from Verdun, before the German barrage of 1914 and the Yank hail storm of 1918 made her look like an ash pile.

We are camped just outside the town amidst the very monotonous surroundings of barbed wire and shell holes. We have been here since about a week before the war ended and are now getting ready to move. We don't know whether we move toward Deutschland with the Army of Occupation or whether we go the other direction. It don't make much difference now since the war is over.

I suppose you want to know all the ancient history about myself. To begin with, I came across the pond on the Agamemnon, the ship that was the Kaiser Wilhelm II before Uncle Sam gave her a good name.

We landed at Brest and after a brief stay there we rode side door Pullman to These near Tour. Our Replacement Unit 20 was kept here for about ten days then 100 of the 250 of us hiked to St. Agnus and boarded boxcars again.

It took us six days and nights of misery to get to Evacuation Hospital. We rode 40 men in a car and lived on corn beef, hardtack and water.

We landed at Les-ettes at midnight and the noise of the artillery had us all believing that we must be in the front line trenches.

We pitched pup tents that night and the next morning to work. Les-ettes is only about 15 kilometers from here and believe me there was plenty of work for everybody during the Argonne fight.

We were backing up the 77th, 78th and 81st divisions. We were in Hell. Then we moved here to Varennes and merely got our business going right to take care of customs when the war ended. This is all the state news I can think of so I will tell you about some of the things, I am seeing now. Thursday Red Barns and I went over to Dead Man's Hill and the trip.

The Germans during their four years stay they had tunneled out the whole inside of the hills and had offices, sleeping quarters, wine rooms, electric power plants, pumping stations etc. They even had a narrow gauge railroad carrying ammunition around inside of the hill. We were in the hill two hours and then didn't see near all that was to be seen.

Today, Red and I went further up in the woods to Prience. Max of Baden's old headquarters. It was a veritable city of dugouts that covers for social intercourse which have done so much to develop the good feeling and mutual understanding between neighbors and the consensus of opinion among those present that there should be more such gatherings.

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## JURORS DRAWN

Grand and Petit Jurors Drawn For January 1919 Term of Common Pleas Court. Grand Jury Meet January 7th, Petit Jury January 20th.

Grand Jurors to meet at the Court House Monday January 6th, 1919 at 10 o'clock a. m.

A. Barnaby, Amboy. Metamora Perry Gamble, Gorham. Fayette Fred Atkinson, Swan Creek Swanton James Cole, Swan Creek. Swanton P. D. Corkle, Gorham. Fayette James Double, Chesterfield. Morenci, Michigan.

F. A. Griffin, Gorham. Fayette F. J. Gortner, Franklin. Fayette T. H. Cooper, Swan Creek Swanton F. T. Sullivan, Gorham. Fayette Samuel Baer, Gorham. Fayette N. W. Cline, Metamora. Fayette A. E. Dewey, Pike. Delta C. M. Berkebile, York. Delta J. F. Cosgrove, German. Delta J. G. Heffner, Royallton. Lyons

Petit Jurors to meet at the Court House in Wauseon January 20th 1919 at 9 o'clock.

Geo. Bodmer Jr., York. Wauseon W. F. Cline, Metamora. Delta S. A. Bidd, Dover. Metamora Ben Bowers, German. Archbold A. L. Donahue, Swan Creek Delta Carl Barnes, Clinton. Wauseon Frank Carter, Amboy. Metamora John D. Switzer, Swan Creek

Clarence Hollister, Clinton Wauseon Geo. R. Ackerman, Fulton Swanton Will Babcock, Fulton Swanton Ed. Franklin, Amboy. Metamora W. H. Baldwin, Franklin Fayette C. B. Holstein, Amboy. Metamora Frank Elzik, York. Wauseon Joseph Emerson, Clinton Wauseon J. P. Drennan, Clinton. Wauseon Walter Bruster, Swan Creek

Swanton John Blundell, York. Delta

## OLD FASHIONED HOUSE WARMING

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. VanRensselaer were treated to a real old fashioned housewarming last Friday evening when twenty-six of their neighbors and friends dropped in on them about supper time, bringing their supper with them and remaining to spend a very pleasant evening.

Mr. and Mrs. VanRensselaer are a hearty and cordial welcome of the old custom of "warming" by their presence and expressions of good will in the new home of a neighbor.

All through the summer Mr. and Mrs. VanRensselaer have toiled and planned to build the house formerly owned and occupied by the late Stephen Fouty, until they have made of it a comfortable and modern home, beautiful alike, without any of the old-fashioned features.

It is the sincere wish of their neighbors and many friends that they may long continue to enjoy it. The gathering Friday night was a real neighborhood meeting. There were social intercourse which have done so much to develop the good feeling and mutual understanding between neighbors and the consensus of opinion among those present that there should be more such gatherings.

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## FARM BUREAU "DAD'S DAY"

Annual Election of Officers of Fulton County Farm Bureau—Membership Increased to 540—An Organization That Will Bring Agricultural Progress and Prosperity

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Fulton County Farm Bureau was held at the Court House in Wauseon last Saturday afternoon in spite of bad weather.

There was a very fair representation present, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, C. A. Knapp; Vice President, Bradley Grover; Secretary, Harmon Gasche; Treasurer, Orrin Borton;

The executive committee is composed of the foregoing and the following heads of departments: W. B. McClarren, Farm Crops; M. G. Amend, soils; W. L. Biddle, live stock; W. B. Standish, Dairy; C. D. Perry, Boys and Girls Clubs.

The county is being organized by community organizations having similar officers to that of the county bureau. There are now 540 members of the Bureau. 200 new members having been added during the Thanksgiving week drive. Every farmer in the county should be a member of this Bureau. It is through an organization of this kind that the county as a whole will come to the highest and most steady and permanent agricultural prosperity.

County Agent Cave is doing good work but it is only as his services are called for and his advice and suggestions are sought that the individual receives actual benefit. The County Agent is here to serve the agricultural interests of the county and his services should be utilized to the fullest extent possible.

## LIFELONG RESIDENT

Grant Yarnell Passes Away After an Illness of Three Weeks—Was Well Known in The County—Funeral Services at the Home Thursday Afternoon.

Grant Yarnell well known to residents of Wauseon and highly esteemed as a friend and neighbor by many, both in Wauseon and the county surrounding; passed into the Great Beyond from his home on Ottokee St. last Monday, December 23rd.

For the past two years he has been in poor health and for the last three weeks has been confined to his home suffering intensely during this period and almost hourly struggling to retain his hold upon mortal life. His struggle was too much for his physical endurance and he succumbed to pain came at last on Monday of this week as stated above.

Grant Yarnell son of E. I. and Susan Yarnell, was born in Fulton County June 16th 1867; he had at the time of his decease attained the age of fifty-one years, six months and seven days.

He was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte Hartman; to this union were born five children, one of whom died in infancy. There remain with the wife and mother, to cherish the memory of the husband and father, three daughters, Mrs. Marcel Charlat, San Francisco California; Mrs. Arthur Munson, Toledo; Mrs. Eugene Buttermore, Wauseon and one son, George Yarnell of Toledo. All of these were present to pay the last tribute of love and respect with the exception of the daughter in San Francisco, Mrs. Charlat.

Mr. Yarnell leaves also one brother, E. E. Yarnell of Dover, Colorado and four sisters, Mrs. Henry Oldfield of Los Angeles, California, who was with him during his illness, Mrs. George Jewell of Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. Arthur Munson of Toledo, Ohio and Mrs. W. A. Hill of Wauseon.

Funeral services were held at the home Thursday afternoon, December 26th at 2:00 p. m. conducted by Rev. C. F. Evans and Frank E. Kenyon.

Card of Thanks  
We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the many relatives and friends for the many kindnesses extended to us during the illness of our husband and father and at the time of his burial; also for the comforting words of the ministers, the services of the singers, the Macabees and for the beautiful floral tributes.

Mrs. Grant Yarnell and Family.

"THE MAGI"  
The young people of the Methodist Sunday School presented a very pretty little sketch entitled "The Magi of Today," on last Sunday evening.

The sketch had for its foundation, the needs of the starving Armenian and other worthy peoples of the earth made destitute by the ravages of war.

A number of the roaming refugees found light and safety in the Christian home at Bethlehem. The Christmas spirit was manifested very beautifully by the children, dressed in costumes, representing the different philanthropic nations of the earth, they fed the hungry, clothed the needy and ministered to the needs of the oppressed.

The contribution at the close of the program for Armenian Relief amounted to about \$75.00.

## ECONOMY OIL BURNER

Wauseon's latest industry, The Economy Oil Burner Company are now occupying the Red King Windmill Plant, which they have leased and manufacturing their product.

Office and demonstration rooms are located in the Cochran Building, corner of East Elm and North Fulton streets. Here's wishing for the new industry to be the best success. May they succeed and bring added prosperity to Wauseon and the community.

A good clean place to eat.  
32-14-c WILLIAM'S CAFETERIA

## LETTER

Former Fulton County Teacher Writes From Langres France To His Father—Howard Cochran Formerly of Chesterfield Centralized Schools, Writes.

Langres France, Nov. 23, 1918  
Dear Father:

This is "Dad's Day" in France and the censorship has been lifted to the extent that we may now write many things here-to-for.

First of all I wish to know how all of you are at home. I am well and comfortable as usual, three meals a day and a bed and everything is enough. I have certainly had some journey since leaving Cincinnati. Arriving in Camp Jeaupeau, I stayed there eight days and then boarded a train for Hoboken, N. J. I passed through Atlanta, Ga., Richmond, Va., Baltimore, Md., and finally through New York City.

I saw the Capital building at Washington and also the beautiful Potomac river for miles. We left Camp Jeaupeau on Thursday evening, October 24 and arrived at Camp Merritt, N. J. on Sunday morning at 5:30 October 27 we spent the whole day getting ready for our trip.

helped the Co. Clerk in the personnel office all day that day and have been with him ever since until yesterday when he was transferred to another position. We will probably move up nearer to the German border now within a day or two. We were twelve days crossing the Atlantic and it was a fine trip. The weather was fair and moderate with the exception of one day when the upper decks were not used. I was sick at any time during the trip. I had a little better time than most as I acted as orderly to Captain Davis, commander of the ship. But in officers quarters a great deal of the time. Our clerk was an orderly too, so we could be together a great deal on board. We left the states by way of a Hudson river ferry boat and passed down the river getting a view of that beautiful historic Palisade Park, but deriding the Hudson, steep cliffs that rise to a great height on the western side. We boarded the Princess Mitoaka, formerly a German boat at Hoboken, N. J. At New York we saw the tall skyscrapers and New York Harbor full of huge liners and Liberty ships as the statue of Liberty and the last of good old U. S. A. on Oct. 28 in the afternoon, we landed in Brest, France on Nov. 9 and stayed there one week and then took a train for the interior, we did not come in a direct line to Langres but traveled three days and three nights over the southern half of France, finally landing here. This Camp has a M. T. C. R. U. now and some of the fellows are doing well, we may be through here in three weeks or maybe here a year to quote Capt. Manners who spoke to us concerning our work over here this forenoon. Unit 310 is all broken up now. You will have to use my old address just the same as I do not know what my new one will be. Well I guess that is about all I will have time to say concerning my trip across. The unit has not done a bit of mechanical work yet but did help to unload freight at Brest and I have done so far is clerical work. The church bells ringing from the old Cathedral at Langres about a mile away from Camp made me rather home sick this forenoon. The air is frosty but the day is bright and clear. It reminds me that Thanksgiving is near. Well I am sure that I shall eat Thanksgiving dinner in the states next year, I shall think of you when I eat my pork and beans over here next Thursday. You will have to excuse this writing as my fingers are stiff with cold. I am writing this in my tent and the only fire in the neighborhood is several rods away from the outside of the tent where some of the fellows are doing washings, shaving, etc. I will now wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I suppose Gladys keeps well and is in school every day. Do you hear from Ruth often? Tell her I was very glad to get that letter and mean to answer it when I get time. Langres is a very old city, I have not been there but those that have say it has many beautiful old buildings. How are Aunt Nora, Uncle Lynn and the boys also all the rest of the folks. Just think I have not heard a word from you since Thursday when I left Camp Jeaupeau got a letter from you, one from Roscoe and several others that day. I wonder if you got those telegrams I sent, one from Jeaupeau and one from Camp Merritt had to send them collect as the "Y" men would not bother with rates to different places. I also mailed cards to be forwarded when I arrived in France. Well I am going to close for now and trust to hear from you soon now. Tell them all back home that I should be very glad to get a letter from any of them.

Your Loving Son  
Howard

## CAN HE GET AWAY WITH IT?